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TAGS: OREP (PRICE, MELVIN)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CODEL PRICE VISIT

REF: (A) STATE 047864, (B) MOSCOW 3157

- 1. DURING MARCH 1 CONVERSATION WITH POLCOUNSELOR, DEPUTY CHIEF OF MFA'S USA DIVISION FEDOSEYEV STATED HIS INFORMATION WAS THAT:
- -- CODEL PRICE WILL INCLUDE UP TO TWENTY PERSONS INCLUDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS, SENIOR STAFF MEMBER FORD AND SOME WIVES:
- -- CODEL WISHES VISIT MOSCOW, LENINGRAD AND KIEV "OR A BLACK SEA RESORT";
- -- CODEL WILL BE ARRIVING BY SPECIAL MILITARY PLANE;
- -- ALL EXPENSES WILL BE BORNE BY U.S. SIDE;
- -- CODEL MAY BE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH INTOURIST.

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2. FEDOSEYEV SAID NO FINAL DECISION ON RECEIVING THE GROUP HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE SOVIET SIDE BUT THE THRUST OF HIS REMARKS WAS THAT THIS WOULD BE NO PROBLEM. HE SUPPOSED THAT IN VIEW OF THE CODEL'S RESPONSIBILITIES IT WOULD REQUEST CALLS ON FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO (OR IN HIS ABSENCE FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KORNIYENKO) AND DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER (CONCURRENTLY CHIEF OF GENERAL

STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES) OGARKOV.

2. FEDOSEYEV URGED THAT WE INFORM HIM ASAP OF WHETHER CODEL WILL ARRIVE ON SPECIAL MILITARY PLANE AND IF SO RELEVANT DETAILS SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLEARANCES, SOVIET ESCORT CREW, ETC., CAN BE MADE. IN THIS CONNECTION, DOES CODEL INTEND TO USE ITS OWN AIRCRAFT FOR INTERNAL FLIGHTS TO LENINGRAD, KIEV/BLACK SEA? MATLOCK

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